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ABSTRACT

The annotated bibliography on public agencies concerned with exceptional children contains approximately 90 annotated listings of agencies serving handicapped or gifted children. Listings are alphabetical by organization title and provide address, telephone number, and a brief description which usually includes purpose, membership requirements, publications, sponsorship of conferences, and affiliation with local chapters. Examples of agencies listed are The American Academy for Cerebral Palsy, The American Speech and Hearing Association, The Braille Institute of America, Gifted Children Research Institute, and the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation. (DB)

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The CEC Information Center acts as a dissemination and referral center for information requests from professional and nonprofessional personnel in the areas of special education. In providing this service the Center has found that a great need exists for a current annotated directory of public and private organizations in this field. Therefore this annotated listing of agencies whose services relate to exceptional children has been compiled. Each organization is described in terms of its purpose, membership requirements, publications, sponsorship of conferences, and affiliation with local chapters. Although this listing is not to be considered complete, it is hoped that it will serve as a useful resource in helping educators and parents obtain needed information and service. A companion publication, *A Selected Guide to Government Agencies Concerned with Exceptional Children*, is available from the Special Education IMC/RMC Network, 1920 Association Drive, Reston, Virginia 22091

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ACTION for Brain-Handicapped Children, 306 Wilder Bldg., St. Paul, Minnesota 55102. (612) 226-4261

The organization is a non-profit, tax deductible clearinghouse for information about brain handicap, actively communicating up-to-date advances and research to the public and medical and educational professions. Services include a monthly information bulletin (EXPECTATIONS), seminars and workshops.

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, Inc., 3417 Volta Place, Washington, D. C. 20007. (202) 337-5220

The Association works to promote the teaching of speech and lipreading and the use of residual hearing to the hearing impaired, and offers information services on hearing impairment. Membership is open to interested persons for $15.00 a year. The official journal of the Association is THE VOLTA REVIEW (9 issues yearly). Numerous books and pamphlets (some free) are published, as well as a newsletter, and WORLD TRAVELER (12 issues yearly). Biennial meetings are held in even numbered years, regional meetings in odd numbered years.

American Academy for Cerebral Palsy, James E. Bryan, Executive Secretary, 1255 New Hampshire Ave., Washington, D.C. 20036.

AACP is a professional organization of physicians and Ph.D.'s in 19 different specialities, striving to foster and stimulate professional education, research, and interest in cerebral palsy and related disorders, and to correlate all aspects of this endeavor for the welfare of those with the handicap. The official publication is the JOURNAL OF DEVELOPMENTAL MEDICINE AND CHILD NEUROLOGY. An annual meeting and several regional courses are held

American Academy of Pediatrics, 1801 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60204. (312) 869-4255

A national organization of specialty board certified pediatricians in the United States, Canada, and Latin America, the American Academy of Pediatrics fosters and stimulates interest in pediatrics and correlates all aspects of the work for the welfare of children which come within the scope of pediatrics. Membership is limited to specialty board certified pediatricians and other certified physicians (affiliate members). State chapters have been established in all 50 states and in nearly all countries in Latin America. Canadian members belong to proximal state chapters in the U.S. The Academy sponsors an annual national meeting, an annual regional meeting, postgraduate courses, and regional conferences. Publications are the monthly journal, PEDIATRICS, and a monthly newsletter.

American Association for Gifted Children, 15 Gramercy Park, New York, New York 10003.

The stated purpose of the Association is to help find gifted children, help them use their abilities for their own satisfaction and for the benefit of others and still maintain their status with their age group. By recognizing, appreciating and stimulating creative work among gifted children, the Association assists all children in the worthwhile use of their constructive abilities. An annual members' meeting is held.

American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, 1201 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. (202) 833-5541

A national organization to support, encourage, and provide guidance for personnel who are developing and conducting school and community programs in health education, physical education, and recreation. AAHPER includes professional, student, and associate members. Periodical publications are the JOURNAL OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, RECREATION (which includes a monthly column, Information and Research Utilization Center in Physical Education and Recreation for the Handicapped (IRUC): What's Going On?), the RESEARCH QUARTERLY, and UPDATE, a monthly publication dealing with current issues in the field. Other publications are also issued. AAHPER includes six district associations and state associations. National, district, and state association conventions are held annually in addition to numerous national, district, and local conferences dealing with specific topics. One unit of AAHPER is Programs for the Handicapped which is designed to provide leadership preparation, research, interpretation and development of programs, and distribution of materials for all areas of adapted physical education, corrective therapy, recreation for the ill and handicapped, therapeutic recreation, and health and safety problems of the handicapped.

American Association for Rehabilitation Therapy, P. O. Box 93, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116. (501) 835-3573

The organization promotes the use of curative and technical models within approved medical concepts, establishes standards of education and training, and supports research. AART is open to medical rehabilitation therapists and others interested in rehabilitation of the mentally and physically disabled. Publications include AMERICAN ARCHIVES OF REHABILITATION THERAPY (quarterly) and REHABILITATION THERAPY BULLETIN (quarterly). An annual convention is held in addition to meetings of the 7 local chapters.

American Association of Psychiatric Services for Children, 250 W. 57th St., Rm. 1032, Fisk Bldg., New York, New York 10019.

The purposes of this Association are to provide for the coordination of the activities of psychiatric services serving children in the U.S., its territories, and Canada; to help maintain the highest possible standards of clinic practice; to provide opportunities for the exchange of ideas, and for mutual help in the study and solution of clinic problems; to promote the training of clinic personnel; to cooperate with appropriate groups or organizations doing professional placement work in the clinic field; to cooperate with appropriate organizations throughout the world whose purposes may coincide with those of the Association; and to carry on such activities as may advance the field of child psychiatry. Membership is limited to clinics and other organizations offering psychiatric services to children and meeting specific membership requirements. Annual meetings are conducted in March and November. A Membership Directory is published annually, a newsletter quarterly.

American Association of Workers for the Blind, Inc., 1511 K St., N. W., Suite 637, Washington, D. C. 20005. (202) 347-1559

The American Association of Workers for the Blind strives to promote the prevention of blindness and supports all phases of work for and in the interest of the blind. Membership is open to both agencies and individuals ($20.00 regular, $5.00 student) interested in the welfare of the visually handicapped, research concerning various aspects of visual limitations or in the prevention of blindness. State and local chapters exist throughout the country. Periodical publications are: BLINDNESS (annually); annual convention proceedings; and the newsletter, News and Views. In addition, pertinent papers and professional handbooks are published. Meetings include biennial conventions, annual state chapter conventions, and other institutes and workshops. Services provided by AAWB include a job exchange, limited library service and representation before Congressional Committees on legislative matters of interest to AAWB.

American Association on Mental Deficiency, 5201 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20015. (202) 244-8143

The organization works to promote human progress and the general welfare of mentally subnormal and deficient persons by furthering the creation and dissemination of knowledge of mental deficiency, by facilitating cooperation among professional persons engaged in work in the field of mental deficiency and allied fields, and by encouraging the highest standards of treatment of the mentally deficient. There are several membership classifications for both experienced professionals and other interested persons. Dues range from $8 to $25 according to membership classification. Periodical publications are the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF MENTAL DEFICIENCY and MENTAL RETARDATION (both bimonthly). In addition, books and monographs are published. An annual national convention and 10 annual regional conventions are held.

American Council of the Blind, Inc., 106 N.E. 2nd St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104. (405) 232-4644 Floyd T. Qualls, President

Established and incorporated in 1961, it serves the United States and its possessions. The Council is supported by contributions and membership fees. An affiliation of individual members and 43 occupational and state organizations of persons concerned with blindness. The Council provides referral services, tape library, consultative and advisory services to individuals and organizations with regard to legislation, litigation, credit unions, and state programs. It publishes THE BRAILLE FORUM. Member: WCWB, NAC

American Foundation for the Blind, 15 W. 16th St., New York, New York 10011.

The American Foundation for the Blind is a private, nonprofit agency which serves as a clearinghouse on all pertinent information about blindness and promotes the development of educational, rehabilitation, and social welfare services for the blind and deaf blind children and adults. Services include publications in print, large type, recorded, and braille forms (limited), manufacture and sale of special aids and appliances for use by blind people, and recordings and manufacture of talking books. Additional services are field consultation, research, legislative consultation and action, public education, operation of a special library, fostering of improved programs, service information and referral, and processing and distribution of identification cards for one-fare travel concession for blind persons. Several periodical publications are issued including AFB Newsletter (quarterly, free), NEW OUTLOOK FOR THE BLIND (monthly, ink, braille, recorded). Numerous professional and public information books pamphlets are published (some free). Institutes and conferences are held.

American Heart Association, Inc., 44 E. 23rd St., New York, New York 10010. (212) 477-9170

Through programs of research, public and professional education, and community services, the American Heart Association, Inc., works to reduce premature death and disability caused by cardiovascular diseases. Membership is open to interested persons. Dues range from $2 to $5 annually. Periodical publications are AMERICAN HEART (quarterly), Heart Research Newsletter (quarterly), HEART IN INDUSTRY (quarterly), CIRCULATION (monthly), CIRCULATION RESEARCH (monthly), CARDIOVASCULAR NURSING (quarterly), and STROKE--A JOURNAL OF CEREBRAL CIRCULATION (bimonthly). affiliated Heart Associations exist throughout the United States. Annual scientific sessions, an annual meeting, and various local conferences on cardiovascular diseases are held.

American Nurses' Association, Inc., 2420 Pershing Road, Kansas City, Mo. 64108. (816) 474-5720

The ANA is a national professional organization for registered nurses which works to foster high standards of nursing practice and promote the welfare and professional and educational advancement of nurses for better nursing care. The Association is responsible for advancing the standards, knowledge, and skills in nursing practice, nursing education, nursing services, and nursing research. Membership is open to registered nurses. Dues are $25.00 a year. Publications are the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING (monthly), THE AMERICAN NURSE (monthly membership publication), brochures and monographs. The Association has 53 state and territorial associations and holds a biennial conference in even numbered years.

American Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., 6000 Executive Blvd., Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Designed to promote and improve the practice of occupational therapy, the Association accepts members who have a degree in occupational therapy and who have passed the registration examination of the Association. Dues are $45 annually. THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (10 times a year) and other periodicals and publications are issued. Conferences are held annually. Affiliations exist with regional or state occupational therapy associations.

American Orthopsychiatric Association, Inc., 1775 Broadway, New York, New York 10019.

The Association works to unite and provide a common meeting ground for those engaged in the study and treatment of problems of human behavior and to foster research and spread information concerning scientific work in the field of human behavior, including all forms of abnormal behavior. Membership is $35 for members, $45 for fellows.

Publications include the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ORTHOPSYCHIATRY (5 issues yearly), the Association newsletter, and individual books. An annual scientific meeting is held.

American Physical Therapy Association, 1156 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. (202) 466 2070

The organization fosters the development and improvement of physical therapy service and education through the coordinated action of physical therapists, allied professional groups, citizens, agencies, and schools to meet the physical therapy needs of people. Several types of professional and nonprofessional membership are available. Local chapters work with the national organization. Publications include the monthly periodical PHYSICAL THERAPY, a bimonthly newsletter, monographs and other professional publications, career literature, and visual aids for rental or purchase. The Association holds an annual conference and periodic symposia.

American Printing House for the Blind, 1839 Frankfort Ave., Louisville, Ky. 40206. (502) 895-2405

Operating under an annual appropriation from the U.S. Congress to promote the education of the blind, the Printing House is a nonprofit publisher of literature for the blind and partially seeing. Braille books, braille music, large type textbooks, talking books, recorded educational tapes, and tangible and educational aids for the blind are produced.

American Psychiatric Association, 1700 18th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20009. (202) 232-7878

Purposes of the Association are to further the study of the nature, treatment, and prevention of mental disorders, to promote mental health and the care of the mentally ill, to advance standards for mental hospitals and facilities, and to make psychiatric knowledge available. Membership is open to physicians with some specialized training and experience in psychiatry; dues range from $20 to $100. The Association includes district branches. Publications include THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY (monthly), PSYCHIATRIC NEWS (bimonthly newspaper), HOSPITAL AND COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRY (monthly), special books and pamphlets, reference works, and research reports. The Association holds an annual meeting and an annual hospital and community psychiatry institute in addition to divisional meetings and regional research conferences.

American Psychological Association, 1200 17th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. (202) 833-7600

The purpose of the American Psychological Association is to advance psychology as a science and as a means of promoting human welfare. Membership is open to professionals who have met specific requirements of education and experience dependent upon class of membership (dues range from $35 to $45). Within the Association are 32 divisions and affiliated state associations. Annual conventions are held in the fall. Journal publications are AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGIST (monthly), APA MONITOR (monthly), CONTEMPORARY PSYCHOLOGY (monthly), JOURNAL OF ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY (bimonthly), JOURNAL OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY (bimonthly), JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE AND PHYSIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY (bimonthly), JOURNAL OF CONSULTING AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY (bimonthly), JOURNAL OF EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (monthly), JOURNAL OF PERSONALITY AND SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (monthly), PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY (monthly), PSYCHOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS (monthly), PSYCHOLOGICAL BULLETIN (monthly), PSYCHOLOGICAL REVIEW (bimonthly), DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY (bimonthly). Also published are the EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN (monthly), convention proceedings, and position papers.

American Public Health Association, Inc., 1015 18th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036. (202) 467-5000

The Association works to protect and promote public and personal health and acts as an accrediting agency for schools of public health. Membership is open to professionals working in public health and to persons interested in public health (dues range from $5 to $50). Periodical publications are the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE NATION'S HEALTH (monthly), HEALTH LABORATORIES SCIENCE (quarterly), and MEDICAL CARE (bimonthly). Handbooks, guides, monographs, and other publications are also issued. The Association meeting is conducted annually.

American Rehabilitation Counseling Association of the American Personnel and Guidance Association, 1607 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20009. (202) 483-4633

The Association, which is one of the 10 divisions of the American Personnel and Guidance Association, works to emphasize the social concept that conservation of human resources merits skillful services in the rehabilitation of the handicapped. Membership is for professionals, associates, and students; dues range from $11.50-$23. REHABILITATION COUNSELING BULLETIN (quarterly), is published by the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association and various books, periodicals, and films are available through the American Personnel and Guidance Association. ARCA has state and local branches and participates in the APGA Annual Convention.

The American Speech and Hearing Association, 9030 Old Georgetown Rd., Washington, D. C. 20014. (301) 530-3400

The Association is a scientific and professional organization which encourages basic scientific study of the processes of individual human speech and hearing, fosters improvement of therapeutic procedures with such disorders, and stimulates the exchange and dissemination of information. Members must hold a masters degree or equivalent; dues are $50 a year. Four journals are published, the JOURNAL OF SPEECH AND HEARING DISORDERS (quarterly), the JOURNAL OF SPEECH AND HEARING RESEARCH (quarterly), LANGUAGE, SPEECH AND HEARING SERVICES IN SCHOOLS (quarterly), and ASHA JOURNAL (monthly). Monographs and reports are published irregularly. Forty-three state associations sponsor institutes and workshops and an annual convention is held, as well as regional conferences.

Association for Children With Learning Disabilities, 5225 Grace St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15236. (412) 881-1191

The Association is designed to advance the education and general welfare of children and youth of normal or potentially normal intelligence who have learning disabilities of a perceptual, conceptual, or coordinative nature or related problems. Membership, available through the state organization, if established, or through the national organization, is open to parents and professionals. An annual conference is held as well as regional conferences. ITEMS OF INTEREST (monthly) and annual conference proceedings are published.

Association for Education of the Visually Handicapped, 1604 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103. (215) 732-0100

The Association works to provide periodicals and other communicative media to evaluate problems and provide solutions, to disseminate professional information, and to stimulate an effort toward higher standards in personnel programs and facilities. Membership is available to professional workers, parents, and interested adults (dues range from $9.75 to $26.00, students, $6.50). Publications are the bulletin Fountainhead (4 times yearly) and the EDUCATION OF THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED (quarterly). Biennial conventions are held and the proceedings published.

Boy Scouts of America, U. S. Rt. 1 & 130, North Brunswick, N. J. 08903.

With its 460 local councils, Boy Scouts of America works to provide scouting programs for all boys, both normal and handicapped. Units for all types of handicapped boys have been established throughout the United States. Scouting affiliation is open to all boys. The national registration fee is $1; unit dues are determined by the boys themselves. Publications include numerous books, films, and pamphlets (some free). A meeting is held annually.

Braille Institute of America, Inc., 741 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, Ca. 90029. (213) 663-1111

The institute provides rehabilitation services to the blind; provides recreational programs, liberal arts classes, complete library and recording service, volunteer assistance, visual aids service, job counseling, publishing and printing facilities and programs for blind children and for the deaf-blind. It publishes the following items LIGHT MAGAZINE (semi-annually), Newsletter (quarterly), THE BRAILLE MIRROR (monthly), and EXPECTATIONS (annually). It is funded by contributions and bequests.

Child Study Association of America—Wel-Met Incorporated, 50 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010. (212) 889-3450

Child Study is a voluntary, nonprofit national agency devoted to building family mental health and meeting community needs through educational programs and publications. Child Study educators offer a wide range of programs in the interrelated fields of Family Life Education, Parent Involvement and Community Development to the staffs of private and governmental agencies. These programs provide training in the leadership of discussion groups and enable those who work with children and parents to use their skills more effectively. The educational work of the Association is furthered by the publication of books, pamphlets and annotated booklists for parents and those who work with parents. Information about current publications of the Child Study Press available on request. Membership in the Association is open to all interested persons and groups; annual dues are $15.00.

Child Welfare League of America, Inc., 44 East 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010. (212) 254-7410

The League is a federation of public and private child care agencies seeking to raise standards of child care. Research and surveys of community services are carried out; consultation and information are provided, including information useful for the passage of legislation; standards for child welfare services are developed; and professional literature is published. Publications include CHILD WELFARE (10 per year), CWLA President's Newsletter, and books and monographs.

Closer Look, Box 1492, Washington, D. C. 20012.

The Special Education Information Center is sponsored by The Bureau of Education for the Handicapped, U.S. Office of Education. Information is provided to parents and other interested persons regarding facilities in their locality serving handicapped children.

Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, C/O Dr. Howard M. Quigley, 5034 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington. D. C. 20016. (202) 363-1327.

The Conference works to further the welfare of the deaf by promoting the management and operation of schools for the deaf along the broadest and most efficient lines. Membership is comprised of persons involved in schools and programs for deaf children in the United States, Canada, and Mexico (dues range from $35 to $115). AMERICAN ANNALS OF THE DEAF (6 issues yearly) is published in conjunction with The Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf. The Conference meets annually.

The Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf, C/O Dr. Howard M. Quigley, Executive Secretary, 5034 Wisconsin Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20016. (202) 363-1327

Comprised of persons engaged in educating the deaf, the organization provides an opportunity for the interchange of views concerning methods and means of educating the deaf. Meetings occur biennially. Publications are AMERICAN ANNALS OF THE DEAF (6 issues yearly), NEWSLETTER (3 issues yearly), and convention proceedings (biennially).

The Council for Exceptional Children, 1920 Association Drive, Reston, Va. 22091.

As a professional organization, CEC works to promote the adequate education of handicapped and gifted children through cooperation with educational and other organizations and individuals and through encouraging good professional relationships with various disciplines. Membership, which is organized with chapters at the local level and federations or branches at the state or provincial level, is open to special educators and other interested persons. Dues range from $15 to $23 depending upon state of residence. CEC contains the following divisions for persons interested in a particular exceptionality or aspect of special education: Association for the Gifted; Council of Administrators of Special Education; Council for Children with Communication Disorders; Division for Children with Learning Disabilities; Division on the Physically Handicapped, Hospitalized, and Homebound; Division for the Visually Handicapped; Division on Mental Retardation; and Teacher Education Division. Publications include EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (9 issues yearly), EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE MENTALLY RETARDED (quarterly), TEACHING EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (quarterly), EXCEPTIONAL CHILD EDUCATION ABSTRACTS (quarterly), books and pamphlets, and research monographs. Annual international conventions, regional conferences, and special conferences are conducted.

Council of Organizations Serving the Deaf, Box 894, Columbia, Md 21044.

The Council, working to promote the best interests of deaf persons, serves as a central clearinghouse and contact point for information and combined action by national organizations serving deaf persons. Active membership is open to national organizations directly serving the hearing impaired (dues are determined by the Board of Directors). Organizations desiring to support the work of the Council can become Associate Members (dues $100.00), and individual memberships are welcomed (dues $5.00).

Council on Education of the Deaf, Dr. Armin Turechek, Superintendent, Colorado School for the Deaf, Kiowa and Institute Streets, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Comprised of representatives from The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, The Conference of Executives of American Schools for the Deaf, and the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf, the Council provides a forum for those organizations concerned primarily with the education of deaf children, so that problems and concerns might be brought under advisement and solutions sought. Two international congresses have been held. Future congresses are planned.

Epilepsy Foundation of America, 1828 L Street, N. W., Suite 406, Washington, D. C. 20036. (202) 293-2930

The Foundation is a national voluntary health organization devoted to furthering better understanding of the problems of persons with epilepsy. Programs of research into causes as well as preventive techniques and treatment are sponsored. Research grants and training grants are available to individuals, and summer fellowships are offered to medical students. Assistance and counseling are provided for epileptics through the state and local organizations affiliated with the Foundation. A School Alert Program, held in conjunction with National Epilepsy Month, informs teachers about epilepsy. Publications include a monthly newletter, National Spokesman, and brochures and pamphlets on medical and social aspects of the disorder. There are 146 local chapters, and an annual convention is held at National Headquarters.

Exceptional Parent, 635 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

Though not an agency, the editor feels that this journal would be of value to parents and lay people interested in exceptional children. The journal provides practical guidance for problems and concerns of those dealing with exceptional children. Subscriptions are 1 year (6 issues), $10; 2 years (12 issues), $18; 3 years (18 issues), $24.

Family Service Association of America, 44 East 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010. (212) 674-6100

Membership includes more than 300 agencies which provide casework and family counseling services to families with parent-child, marital and mental health problems. The Association helps the agencies develop and provide family service, raise standards and develop new methods. Publications include SOCIAL CASEWORK (10 issues yearly). Conventions are held biennially.

Foundation for Child Development (formerly Association for the Aid of Crippled Children), 345 East 46th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017. (212) 697-3150

The Foundation for Child Development supports research and service experiments designed to identify environmental conditions that encourage or impair the health, growth and development of the child during the early years of life.

The Gifted Child Society, 59 Glen Gray Road, Oakland, N.J. 07436. (201) 337-7058

An organization providing educational enrichment for intellectually gifted children and seeking public recognition of their special needs. We have been in existence for sixteen years, are incorporated in the State of New Jersey and have our nonprofit status. We offer classes on Saturdays and during the summer, and about ten thousand children have passed through our program. Current enrollment: 540. In addition to our educational programs for students, we offer parent discussion groups and a rental library of books on the education and psychology of the gifted and talented. Our standing committees include legislative action, community involvement, research and publicity, among others. We publish two brochures, two newsletters and a summer bulletin each year. We hope to bring out a handbook for parents. We provide speakers and are active in local, county and state school groups. The writer is a consultant to the U.S. Office of Education of Gifted and Talented.

Gifted Children Research Institute, Suite 4-W, 300 West 55th St., New York, N.Y. 10019. (212) 541-7059

The Gifted Children Research Institute facilitates the establishment of channels of communication and cooperation between individuals and organizations involved in the operation and promotion of education for the gifted and talented children throughout the world. The GCRI was formed in New York City in 1971 by volunteers who were concerned about the education of gifted and talented children. While the main thrust of the GCRI is concern for the highly gifted and talented, they are also interested in detecting and fostering the gifts and talents of all children. GCRI sponsored the first International Conference on the Education of Gifted and Talented Children, it was decided to form both a national and an international coordinating council to coordinate the efforts of various individuals and organizations working to foster the education of gifted and talented children throughout the world. The CCRI has set up Foundation Award Grants to facilitate the work of both individuals and organizations already actively working in the field of the education of gifted and talented children as well as to those who are planning to set up such programs and who need some financial assistance and planning expertise. The GCRI has two monthly publications: INTERNATIONAL GIFTED CHILDREN NEWS and THE CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER. Both are available at an annual subscription of $1.40. Also available are reprints and fact sheets about what is happening throughout the world in the areas of education of gifted and talented children.

Girl Scouts of the United States of America, 830 3rd Ave., New York, New York 10022. (212) PL 1-6900

Working with 364 local Girl Scout Councils, the national organization is designed to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service so that they may become happy and resourceful citizens. Active membership is granted to any girl from age 7 to 17 who has the endorsement of the local council (dues are $2). Publications include HANDICAPPED GIRLS and GIRL SCOUTING as well as handbooks, pamphlets, books, and periodicals. The National Council of Girl Scouts meets every 3 years.

Goodwill Industries of America, Inc., 9200 Wisconsin Ave., Washington, D. C. 20014. (301) 530-6500

The corporation is organized to provide rehabilitation services, training, employment, and opportunities for personal growth as an interim step in the rehabilitation process for the handicapped, disabled, and disadvantaged who cannot be readily absorbed in the competitive labor market. Opportunties exist for the establishment of new Goodwills in numbers of locations throughout the United States. Information may be obtained by writing to the Deputy Director at the above address. Informative pamphlets and manuals are published. The Delegate Assembly is held annually in late June and an annual conference of executives is held each February. Autonomous Goodwill Industries number 152, there are 47 branch units.

Human Growth Foundation, 307 5th Ave., New York, New York 10016.

Begun in 1965 by parents and friends of children with growth problems, Human Growth, Inc., works to help the medical profession understand more about the process of human growth and development and all its deviations, such as dwarfism, gigantism, and failure to thrive. Opportunities are provided for families of children with growth disturbances to meet; financially indigent families are assisted in obtaining medical help. Membership is $5; sixteen chapters serve members in certain geographical areas. An annual national meeting is held. HGF Newsletter is a monthly publication.

Huxley Institute for Biosocial Research - American Schizophrenia Association, 56 West 45th St., Suite 805, New York, N.Y. 10036. (212) 972-0705

By promoting research and public and professional education on schizophrenia and other mental illnesses, the Institute works for the betterment of schizophrenic and other mentally ill patients and their relations with society. Various categories of membership are available in state chapters across the country. The Institute sponsors forums, conferences and committee meetings and publishes ORTHOMOLECULAR PSYCHIATRY (quarterly) and THE HUXLEY INSTITUTE NEWS (quarterly).

Indoor Sports Club, 1145 Highland St., Napoleon, Ohio 43545. (419) 592-5756

The Indoor Sports Club is a social, benevolent, and rehabilitative organization for physically disabled persons. The purposes of the club are to provide entertainment and amusement for disabled persons and shut-ins, seek aid for needy disabled persons, provide opportunities for active participation in civic affairs, and promote a better understanding and acceptance of the seriously disabled. Ten district groups and 80 local chapters (over 2500 members) comprise the membership. The official publication is NATIONAL HOOKUP (monthly). An annual convention is held.

Information Center for Hearing, Speech, and Disorders of Human Communication, 310 Harriet Lane Home, The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, Baltimore, Md. 21205. (301) 955-3390

The Information Center is concerned with bringing under control and promoting ready access to the literature of hearing, language, speech, and communication disorders including reading disabilities. It serves as a national center for the identification, collection, storage, retrieval, analysis, repackaging, and dissemination of information in these areas. The Center is a non-profit organization and a member of the Neurological Information Network sponsored by the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke. The Center provides referral services, including general inquiries and bibliographic assistance is provided on a fee basis. The publications are CURRENT CITATIONS ON COMMUNICATION DISORDERS: HEARING AND BALANCE (monthly), CURRENT CITATIONS ON COMMUNICATION DISORDERS: LANGUAGE, SPEECH, and VOICE (monthly), INFORMATION SOURCES IN HEARING, SPEECH, and COMMUNICATION DISORDERS: PART 1, Publications, PART 2, Organizations, NOISE: POTENTIAL DANGER TO MAN, BIBLIO-PROFILES–a series of capsule state-of-the-art reports with bibliographies, INDEX–handbook of Ototoxic Agents, 1966-1971.

International Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, 5530 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, D. C. 20015. (301) 654-5882

The purpose of the organization is to assist in the development and improvement of services of member facilities which have programs appropriate to the goals of the Facility, and which are engaged in restorative, adjustive, vocational, evaluative, training, employment, and sheltered work services to the handicapped. The Association is the result of a merger of the Association of Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., and the National Association of Sheltered Workshops and Homebound Programs. A quarterly newsletter, Focus on Facilities, is published.

International Association for the Scientific Study of Mental Deficiency, c/o Dr. David A. Primrose, Royal Scottish National Hospital, Lambart, Stirlingshire, SCOTLAND.

Individuals and national associations of scientists and clinicians working in the field of mental retardation represent more than 45 countries in the Association. Research in the field is encouraged including causes, prevention, diagnosis, evaluation, rehabilitation, therapy, education and social habilitation. International congresses, symposia, conferences, and regional seminars are organized and a triennial congress held. A bulletin is issued quarterly.

International League of Societies for the Mentally Handicapped, 12, Rue Forestiere, 1050 Brussels, Belgium.

The purpose of this international organization is to advance the interests of the mentally handicapped without regard to nationality, race, or creed, by bringing about cooperation between organizations representing national endeavor on their behalf. Four types of membership are available to organizations working primarily in the interests of the mentally handicapped. Annual dues are adjusted to the size and resources of the member society. Membership: 63 countries are represented through 84 societies; 40 full, 29 affiliate; 14 subscribing; 1 associate. Publications: Congress proceedings, conclusions of symposia, monographs and a Newsletter. Five International Congresses have been held up to now and the General Assembly meets every 2 years.

International Society for Rehabilitation of the Disabled, 219 E. 44th Street, New York, New York 10017. (212) Yu6-1470

As a federation of organizations in 59 countries, the Society works to promote the rehabilitation of the disabled throughout the world. Regional conferences, seminars, workshops, and a Quadrennial World Congress are sponsored. Publications include INTERNATIONAL REHABILITATION REVIEW (quarterly), proceedings of international meetings, and related international studies.

Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, 1701 K Street, N. W., Suite 205 Washington, D. C. 20006. (202) 347-1731

The Foundation is engaged in a program of support of scientific research training, service and education in the field of mental retardation. It strives to determine the cause of mental retardation through research; to reduce its effects by treatment and training; to promote programs of physical fitness and vocational rehabilitation; to encourage professionals to work in this field; and to make the general public aware of efforts being made on behalf of the mentally retarded and those yet unborn. Increasingly, the Foundation has become concerned with the ethical implications of modern biological and genetic discoveries and funds several programs in medical ethics. The Foundation also sponsors Special Olympics and international sports programs for the mentally retarded. An international awards program and periodic scientific symposiums are sponsored. Primarily a grant-giving agency. Materials on Special Olympics and some films dealing with ethical issues are available through the Foundation.

Library of Congress, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, 1291 Taylor Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20542. (202) 882-5500

The Division offers library services, through cooperating regional libraries, to the blind and physically handicapped.

Such materials as braille books, talking books, braille music, record players and cassette players are loaned out upon request. Two monthly publications, Talking Books Topics and Braille Book Review, are mailed free to blind and physically handicapped persons who use the services. The Library also offers a national reference and referral service on all aspects of blindness and other physical handicaps, working closely with organizations which have sources of information. Expansion of the library program resulted from the passage in July 1966 of Public Law 89-522 which authorized the Library of Congress to extend its books-for-the-blind program to persons who are unable to read ordinary print because of visual or physical impairment.

Mensa, P.O. Box 86-A, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11223.

Mensa is a unique society. The only qualification for membership is a score on an intelligence test higher than that of 98% of the general population. Its primary purpose is providing contact between intelligent people, but its other function of research in psychology and social science is scarcely less important. Mensa is an international society: at present there are over 18,000 active members in 14 countries. In the U.S.A. applications are processed by the American Mensa Selection Agency located in New York City. Mensa is an international society in the world where all members are selected by an objective criterion and not because they have one aim or point of view.

Mental Health Materials Center, 419 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10016. (212) 889-5760

MHMC promotes the effective dissemination and utilization of soundly conceived educational materials in the field of mental health and family life education. The MHMC is a non-profit, tax-exempt agency. THE MHMC has provided consultative services to city and state agencies. The services of MHMC have been used by governmental agencies in conducting special studies related to program materials, evaluation studies, and preparation of special materials. During the past years, the MHMC has held seminar-workshops in various parts of the country for mental health and family life education personnel. MHMC distributes books, pamphlets and plays. An annotated publications list is available upon request.

Muscular Dystrophy Association of America, Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York, New York 10019. (212) Ju6-0808

The objectives of the agency are to foster scientific research into the cause and cure of muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular diseases; to render services to patients; and to carry on a program of education among physicians, members of the paramedical professions, and the general public. Membership is voluntary with no qualifications or dues required. Publications are MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY NEWS (monthly) and professional literature. Annual chapter conferences (350 local chapters) and periodic medical and scientific conferences are sponsored.

National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving the Blind and Visually Handicapped, 79 Madison Ave., Suite 1406, New York, N.Y. 10016. (212) 683-8581

Accreditation by NAC is public recognition that an agency or school for the blind is doing a quality job. The accreditation process provides a system of quality controls—to protect those who receive services and those who provide the funds for the services. Since it began operations in January, 1967, NAC has demonstrated that agencies and schools for the blind can and do improve their administration and programs when they apply nationally accepted objective standards to their operations, and submit the findings of their own self-studies to validation by teams of qualified specialists and administrators.

National Association for Brain-Injured Children, Inc., 48 Newport Ave., Braintree, Massachusetts 02185. (617) 843-8829

The Association provides services to organizations and individuals interested in intensive programs of rehabilitation for neurologically handicapped children. The children may be of any age, and may have disabilities ranging from learning and reading problems to very severe physical and mental deficiencies. This Association does not prescribe programs, but works closely with appropriate clinics and professional individuals. Since January of 1972 it has enlarged its scope to assist in the formation of community centers for brain-injured children and has been instrumental in getting several centers started. Information packets may be obtained by mail only from 48 Newport Avenue, Braintree, Mass. 02184. The Association will refer inquirers to the nearest facilities of the type needed. If special equipment is needed, an attempt will be made to find a source or to design a new apparatus that can be built in a home workshop. Apparatus commonly used in community centers is included in the Manual for Community Centers, but the Association will try to solve any special problems. Bulletins are issued to members monthly except for July and August. Individual memberships are $5.00 per year. This Association is an authorized, not-for-profit organization.

The National Association of Coordinators of State Programs for the Mentally Retarded, Suite 802, Crystal City Plaza #1, 2001 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202. (703) 920-0700

The corporation is a non-profit organization devoted to improved and expanded public services to mentally retarded children and adults. The major aims are to facilitate the exchange of information between states on the most advanced and efficacious methods of providing care and training for the retarded and to represent the interests of state program officials in the development and implementation of programs of the federal government. Membership is limited to one individual per state, usually the state official responsible for administering day and residential programs for the mentally retarded. An annual conference is held in conjunction with the American Association on Mental Deficiency.

National Association of the Deaf, 814 Thayer Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (301) 587-1788

Comprised of deaf persons, relatives of deaf persons, and individuals working in the area of deafness, the Association promotes educational, sociological, and economic development of the deaf. Dues are $10. A youth organization, the Junior National Association of the Deaf, is active in over 50 schools for the deaf. A biennial convention and various programs and seminars are sponsored. Periodical publications are THE DEAF AMERICAN (monthly), and NAD Newsletter, in addition to numerous pamphlets, books, and films.

The National Association for Gifted Children, 8080 Springvalley Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio 45236. (513) 631-1777

The Association aids schools, parents, and communities in providing for the gifted. Membership is open to interested persons; dues are $20 and up. An annual convention is held in addition to local chapter and regional meetings. Publications are the GIFTED CHILD QUARTERLY (quarteriy), occasional newsletters, and special feature publications.

National Association of Hearing and Speech Agencies, 814 Thayer Ave., Silver Spring, Md. 20795. (301) 588-5242

The Association works toward solving the problems of hearing, speech, and language handicapped individuals. Approximately 160 local chapters and member agencies assist in the improvement of both the quality and quantity of care for the communicatively handicapped. Membership is open to agencies, professionals, and interested persons; dues are $15 and up. Annual conventions are held. Periodical publications are HEARING AND SPEECH NEWS (bimonthly) and a newsletter, Washington Sounds (monthly).

The National Association for Mental Health, Inc., 1800 North Kent Street, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

The National Association for Mental Health is a coordinated citizens' voluntary organization working toward the improved care and treatment of the mentally ill and handicapped; for improved methods and services in research, prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment of mental illness and handicaps, and for the promotion of mental health. Membership in the National Association is through the local chapters and/or state mental health associations. Dues are set by the local or state associations. Publications include leaflets, national and local newsletters, and a quarterly magazine entitled MH. NAMH also produces films for public education. The NAMH annual meeting is held in November. NAMH sponsors Mental Health Month, which is May.

National Association for Music Therapy, Inc., Box 610, Lawrence, Kansas 66044. (913) 842-1909

The Association works for the advancement of research in music therapy by establishing qualifications and standards of training for music therapists and perfecting techniques of music programming which aid medical treatment most effectively. Membership is open to professionals, interested persons, and organizations; dues range from $5 to $50. JOURNAL OF MUSIC THERAPY (quarterly), brochures, and handbooks are published. A conference and regional workshops are held annually.

National Association of Private Residential Facilities for the Mentally Retarded, 1906 Association Drive, Reston, Va. 22091. (703) 860-0010

NAPRFMR is a non-profit corporation which originated because of the growing interests and concerns of leaders in private residential care over a number of years. Organized in May 1970, it was incorporated on September 18, 1970 in Washington, D.C. NAPRFMR objectives are to promote the concept of private care as a viable resource, to work for adequate resources for quality programs, to promote private facility participation in state, regional and national planning, to encourage and promote higher standards of care, to promote legislation for improved services, to promote the development of state and regional organizations, to encourage higher ethical standards in professional and business practices, to maintain a central reference service, to participate in developing standards, and to unite with others in serving handicapped persons. NAPFRMR publishes the following: NAPRFMR NEWSLETTER (quarterly), PROJECT REPORT (monthly).

National Association for Retarded Children, 2709 Ave. E East, Arlington, Texas 76011. (817) 261-4961

Working through their 1,500 state and local units, the Association helps to advance the welfare of the mentally retarded of all ages. Membership is through the local unit. An annual convention and an annual youth conference are sponsored. MENTAL RETARDATION NEWS (10 issues yearly) is the periodical publication.

National Association of Social Workers, Southern Building, 6th Floor, 15th and H St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

The National Association of Social Workers is an organization of professional social workers whose primary functions include professional development, professional standards of social work practice, advancement of sound social policies, and membership services. Program priorities for the '70s are combatting racism and poverty, with emphasis on projects to improve social services, health care and civil liberties. Professional issue priorities include development of social work manpower and competence, and creation of policies and standards for social service organizations and programs. NASW publishes News/Personnel Information (newspaper and employment listing) and SOCIAL WORK journal, both membership benefits, the Encyclopedia of Social Work, books and brochures on social work practice and issues, the Advocate for Human Services (Washington newsletter), and Abstracts for Social Workers (quarterly abstracts of 250 periodicals). Dues-paying membership in NASW is open to all social workers.

National Association of State Directors, c/o Earl B. Andersen, Executive Director, Suite 301-C, NEA Bldg., 1201 16th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

The Association renders services for exceptional children and adults through the establishment of active leadership in public educational facilities, planning at state and local levels, discussion forums, and consideration of current problems and issues. Membership is open to any person employed as director, supervisor, or consultant in special education by a state department of education. Membership dues are $10. The Association holds an annual meeting.

The National Association of Training Schools and Juvenile Agencies, C/O Windell W. Fewell, Exec. Secretary-Treasurer, 5256 N. Central Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana 46220. (317) 257-3955

The Association works to prevent and control juvenile delinquency and crime by better understanding of the causes and needs of socially maladjusted children. Membership is open to individuals and agencies; dues range from $5 to $35. The Association cosponsors the National Institute on Crime and Delinquency and holds an annual conference. Conference proceedings are published.

National Braille Association, 85 Godwin Ave., Midland Park, N.J. 07432. (201) 447-1484

A national membership organization which provides reading materials in braille, large type, and on tape upon request from visually handicapped persons. Members are both volunteers and professionals. The NBA Braille Book Bank provides thermoform copies of hand-transcribed texts to blind college and graduate students at a charge approximately that of the ink print book.

National Catholic Educational Association, Special Education Dept., 4472 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63108. (314) 533-3454

The NCEA Special Education Department coordinates and promotes all the educational activities of the church which relate in any way to the education, training, and care of handicapped children, youth, and adults. Areas of disabilities organized under the framework of the Department include acoustical, emotional, mental, orthopedic, and visual. Membership is open to individuals or agencies engaged in some area of Catholic special education. Dues are $20 for individuals and $75 for agencies. Publications include Special Education Newsletter (3 issues yearly), and Directory of Catholic Special Facilities & Programs in the U.S. for Handicapped Children & Adults. SPECIAL EDUCATION edited by MSgr. E. H. Behrmann covers all phases of Catholic special education. The Special Education Department participates in the annual NCEA Convention and arranges individual conferences.

National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, 105 5th Ave., New Hyde Park, N.Y. 11040. (516) 746-4440

Its purposes are to identify and locate those youths and adults who are eligible to receive service as deaf-blind individuals; to provide initial assessment of physical and psycho-social functioning to determine their feasibility for rehabilitation; to provide multi-disciplinary evaluation to determine needs and potentialities; to provide individualized rehabilitation training, to achieve, (a) meaningful contact with the environment and effective means of communication; (b) initial or enhanced employability; (c) constructive participation in the community; and (d) any other development important to the optimum rehabilitations of the deaf-blind individual; to conduct research into deaf-blindness; to provide training for new and prospective specialists in services for deaf-blind persons, and to provide community education designed to sensitize both the lay and professional communities to the special needs and normal aspirations of deaf-blind persons.

National Council on Crime and Delinquency, Continental Plaza, 411 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack, N.J. 07601. (201) 488-0400

Working on a community, statewide, and national level, the Council strives to develop effective family and criminal courts to improve probation, parole, and institutional services, and to stimulate community programs for the prevention, treatment, and control of crime and delinquency. Membership is open to interested persons; dues are $15. The Council has citizen action councils in 20 states. Three journals, CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (quarterly), JOURNAL OF RESEARCH IN CRIME AND DELINQUENCY (semiannually), CRIME AND DELINQUENCY LITERATURE (quarterly) are published. The Council cosponsors the National Institute on Crime and Delinquency.

The National Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults, 2023 West Ogden Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60612. (312) 243-8400

The Society is a voluntary agency providing direct services for crippled children and adults; education of the public, professional workers, and parents; research into the causes and prevention of handicapping conditions and into methods of care, education, and treatment of the patients involved. Members are the affiliated State Societies. Publications are REHABILITATION LITERATURE (monthly) $10 a

year), Easter Seal Communicator (bimonthly, free), and numerous informational fliers, pamphlets, and reprints. Research institutes, inservice training institutes, special workshops, and annual conventions are held.

National Epilepsy League, Inc., 222 N. Michigan Ave., 5th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 332-6888

The League is a voluntary agency which encourages research in epilepsy and provides information about epilepsy, medical resources, and employment to epileptics. The League provides epilepsy medication at low cost and works to increase public knowledge about epilepsy and to widen opportunities for education and employment of epileptics. Publications include the newsletter, Horizon, general information pamphlets, and technical publications.

National Federation of the Blind, 218 Randolph Hotel Bldg., Des Moines, Iowa 50309. (515) 243-3169

Established in 1940 and incorporated in 1949, it serves the United States. The Federation is supported by membership fees, contributions, and endowments. It is a national membership organization of blind persons with affiliates in most states. It promotes legislation to improve social and economic conditions of blind persons, provides evaluation of present programs, assists in establishing new ones, grants scholarships to blind persons, and publishes THE BRAILLE MONITOR. The Federation has public education programs including a speakers bureau.

The National Foundation-March of Dimes, P. O. Box 2000, White Plains, New York 10602. (914) 428-7100

The National Foundation exists to lead, direct, and unify the prevention of birth defects through support of programs of research, medical service, professional and public education, and community services. Lay and professional volunteers participate in programs through more than 2,500 local chapters. National, regional, and local meetings and symposia for professional and lay audiences are held. General interest and professional education publications are issued. Films and exhibits are available for loan.

National Health Council, Inc., 1740 Broadway, New York, New York 10019. (212) 582-6040

The principal functions of the Council are to help member agencies work together more effectively, to identify and promote the solution of national health problems of concern to the public, and to further improve governmental and voluntary health services for the public. Membership is limited to national organizations concerned with health. Books and pamphlets concerning health and health careers are published. The National Health Forum is held annually.

National Information and Referral Service for Autistic and Autistic-Like Persons, 101 Richmond St., Huntington, W. Va. 25702 (304) 523-1912

The center is a service of the National Society for Autistic Children, Inc., 621 Central Ave., Albany, N.Y. 12206. (518) 489-7375. It provides names and addresses about day and residential schools, camps, hospitals, and diagnostic centers, both public and private. It also provides parents with information on legislative news, funds, income tax and lists of other parents in their area with the same problems. Membership is $5.

National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 257 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10010. (212) 674-4100

The Society endeavors to stimulate and support research in cause, treatment, and cure of multiple sclerosis and related disorders of the nervous system; to provide services to disabled patients and their families, and to aid in establishing MS clinics. Local groups are 200 strong. Publications include the periodicals MS Briefs, MS Keynotes, patient service news, an annual report, and various pamphlets. National conventions are held in the fall.

National Paraplegia Foundation, 333 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 346-4779

The Foundation carries out activities in physical and mental rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation and placement, and legislation for the handicapped and allied problems of the spinal cord and column. Limited grants are made in order to inform and educate the medical profession and public on paraplegia to medical research. A monthly Bulletin THE SQUEAKY WHEEL is published. Annual membership meetings are held. NPF also sponsors annual and biannual conferences on Spinal Cord Injury Treatment and Research. Proceedings are published and available.

National Rehabilitation Association, 1522 K St., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20005. (212) 659-2430

The Association works to advance rehabilitation of physically and mentally handicapped persons through public understanding, disseminating information, fostering research, encouraging an interdisciplinary approach to rehabilitation, and developing professional standards and professional training opportunities. Six professional and special interest divisions with membership subject to membership in NRA (dues range from $10 to $50) further meet the needs of members. The JOURNAL OF REHABILITATION (bimonthly), and the NRA Newsletter (bimonthly) are published, as well as a legislative newsletter. Seventy affiliated state and local chapters hold chapter conferences in addition to an annual national and eight regional conferences.

National Society for Autistic Children, 621 Central Avenue, Albany, New York 12206. (518) 489-7375

NSAC is an organization of parents, professionals and other interested persons working to promote programs of legislation, education, and research for mentally ill children. Through the national and chapter newsletters, the society serves as an information center for the exchange of news about behavior management techniques, research projects, legislation, schools, camps and recreational services. Dues range from $10 for individuals to $2000 for a life membership. It maintains an Information and Referral Serice, 101 Richmond, Huntington, W. Va. 25702, (304) 523-1912, Ruth Sullivan, Director and operates a mail order book store out of the central office.

National Therapeutic Recreation Society, C/O National Recreation and Park Association, 1700 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006. (202) 223-3030

As a branch of the National Recreation and Park Association, the Society is concerned with the improvement of therapeutic recreation services and the development of the recreation profession. Members include professionals and agencies; dues range from $15 to $50. The Society participates in the annual convention of the National Recreation and Park Association and holds its own district conferences. THERAPEUTIC RECREATION JOURNAL (quarterly) is the journal publication. NTRS registration available through national office.

The Orton Society, Inc., Suite 204, 8415 Bellona Lane, Towson, Md. 21204. (301) 296-0232

The Orton Society founded in 1949, is a non-profit, scientific and educational organization devoted to the study and treatment of persons with specific language disabilities, or developmental dyslexia. There are branches of the Society throughout the United States. All officers are volunteers. Membership is open to all persons interested in the general concepts of specific language learning disabilities. Membership is $10 for one year or $5 per year for a full-time student. Our membership is currently over 3500. We hold a national annual conference around November in various locations of the country. Branches hold interim meetings within their own branch boundaries. The Society exists on contributions, memberships, and the sale of publications.

Pan American Health Organization, Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Americas, 525 23rd St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. (202) 223-4700

The Organization acts as a coordinating authority on international health work, assists governments in strengthening health services, and furnishes appropriate technical assistance. Other functions are to establish and

maintain epidemiological and statistical services; to stimulate advance work to eradicate diseases; to promote the improvement of nutrition, housing, sanitation, and other aspects of environmental hygiene; and to promote maternal and child health and welfare. Several periodicals, including WORLD HEALTH and WHO Bulletin, are published, as well as pamphlets, papers, and reports.

Porter Sargent Publisher, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

Though Porter Sargent is not an agency, the editor feels that the Sargent Handbook Series, and the Special Education Series available from this publisher, would be of value to those seeking information on special education facilities and programs. Directory for Exceptional Children contains a complete listing of over 3,000 facilities available for instruction, care, and development of the exceptional child; The Academic Underachiever provides a guide to tutorial, remedial, diagnostic, and academic resources in prep school programs and clinics; The Guide to Summer Camps and Summer Schools is a comprehensive reference source for summer programs, including those for exceptional children; If Your Child Is Handicapped is a collection of the experiences of 46 families confronted by serious injury, disease and congenital defects in their children; Forgotten Children: A Program for the Multihandicapped sheds light on training and treatment for the multihandicapped. A bureau is maintained to advise parents and guardians concerning schools and camps; a complete form will be sent on request to be filled in with data that will allow for pertinent and helpful suggestions.

United Cerebral Palsy Associations, Inc., 66 E. 34th St., New York, New York 10016. (212) 889-6655

As a voluntary health agency, UCP works to: (a) promote research in cerebral palsy, the treatment, education, and habilitation of persons with cerebral palsy and to promote professional training programs of all types related to the problem of cerebral palsy; (b) further, by professional and public education, information concerning prevention and all aspects of the problem of cerebral palsy; (c) promote better and more adequate techniques and facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of persons with cerebral palsy; (d) cooperate with governmental and private agencies concerned with the welfare of the handicapped; (e) promote the employment of persons with cerebral palsy; (f) solicit, collect, and otherwise raise funds and other property for above purposes and for supporting facilities for the care, treatment, and study of persons with cerebral palsy; and (g) to establish and work with local and state affiliates (over 300 currently). Conferences, workshops, and seminars are conducted. Publications include THE UCP CRUSADER (bimonthly, free) and professional literature.

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), P.O. Drawer P, Boulder, Colorado 80302. (303) 449-3333

The WICHE Special Education and Rehabilitation Program is a consultative one in the Division of Mental Health and Related Areas, Robert L. Stubblefield, M.D., Director. It is a cooperative effort between WICHE and key personnel in agencies, institutions, and communities, plus the western colleges and universities. These special efforts for exceptional children and the handicapped are being developed on local and regional bases, covering the 13 western states. Surveys and data collections, seminars and institutes, and consultation services are part of the program. Conference proceedings and papers dealing with training and service issues are published.